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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed
April 13, 2006.

Claims 1-6 and 8-30 have been cancelled. Claims 7, 31-37 are currently under consideration.

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement issued April 13, 2006, where the Examiner divided the pending claims 7, 31-37 into the following groups:

- I. claims 31 (in part) and 32;
- II. claim 31 (in part);
- III. claims 33-36;
- IV. claim 37 (in part);
- V. claim 37 (in part); and
- VI. claim 7,

Applicants hereby elect group VI including claim 7 for examination at this time without traverse and cancel claims 31-37 without prejudice.

Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the remaining claims at a later date in one or more divisional applications.

Claim 7 is subject to examination.

If the Examiner deems necessary, please contact the undersigned below at (732) 524-3385.

Respectfully submitted,

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